



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

The School Social Worker certificate is valid for service as a School Social Worker in grades PK-12 in the public schools of Rhode Island.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as a school social worker an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Bachelor's degree from an accredited or an approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. A Master's Degree in Social Work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- C. Licensed as a certified Social Worker by the Rhode Island State Board of Registration for Social Workers.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one (1) year*

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one (1) year professional transitional certificate. When applying for a one (1) year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fee.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010.

*Continued service as a School Social Worker in the public schools of Rhode Island requires that the individual maintain his/her license as a certified Social Worker as required by the Rhode Island State Board of Registration of Social Workers.